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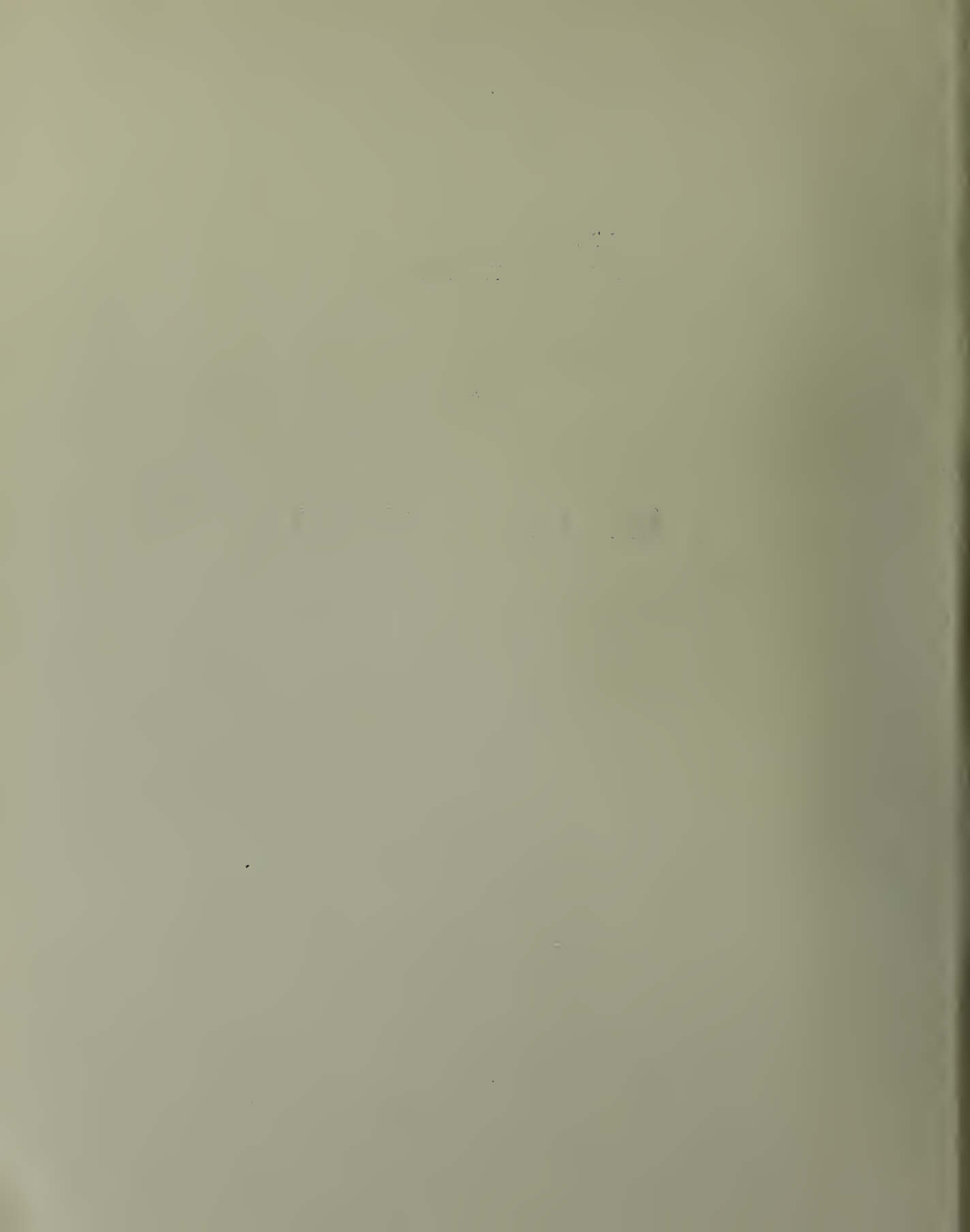
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and Public Health Inspector



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GREAT HARWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

on the

HEALTH AND SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

of the

DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR

1960

R.C. WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health

G. WALMSLEY,

Public Health Inspector
and Cleansing Superintendent

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

1960 - 1961

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Medical Officer of Health

and

Divisional Medical Officer of Health (No. 5 Division)

R.C. WEBSTER, B.Sc., M.D., D.P.H., D.C.H.

Public Health Inspector

and

Cleansing Superintendent

G. WALMSLEY, M.R.S.P.H., M.A.P.H.I.

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Miss J. Barton.

HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE TO GREAT HARWOOD.

<u>Divisional Health Committee</u>	Office at 19 St James Street, Accrington, Telephone, Accrington, 34223.
<u>Divisional Medical Officer</u>	Dr. R. C Webster
<u>Ante-Natal Clinics</u>	Water Street, Great Harwood, Alternate Thursday mornings.
<u>County Clinic</u>	High Street, Rishton, First and third Wednesday each month.
<u>Child Welfare Clinic</u>	Water Street, Great Harwood. All day every Wednesday. Immunisation and U.V.R. by appointment.
<u>Health Visitors</u>	Miss Holden, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Mrs. Kilgallon, S.R.N. S.C.M., H.V.
<u>District Nurse</u>	Miss Oldale, S.R.N., Queen's Nurse.
<u>Midwife</u>	Mrs. Izatt, S.C.M., S.R.N.

For the following services:-

Day nurseries, Domestic Helps, Mental Health Service
Accommodation for the elderly (not sick) persons.

Enquiries should be made at the Divisional Health Office,
19 St. James Street, Accrington.

<u>Divisional Education Executive</u>	Divisional Medical Officer, DR. R.C. WEBSTER.
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School medical routine and special examination

Minor ailment clinic every Friday morning.

Ophthalmic and Orthopaedic Clinic (by appointment)
at High Street, Rishton.

Mr. Chairman, Lady, and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of Great Harwood for 1960.

Again a very satisfactory year in the health field is to be reported on. Both the Birth and Death rates are slightly above the national average, but in neither case should one pay much attention to this since the figures involved are themselves smaller and these minor variations are not to be given too much importance, but it is gratifying to know that a low infant mortality and a low still-birth rate have both occurred. This shows that the very few deaths of children under the age of one year are not, in fact, due to the mere book-keeping transfer from one column to another, but represent a very real saving of infant life.

There was also a negligible instance of infectious diseases. It will be noticed that although the number of deaths from road accidents is in itself very small, it was greater than the number of deaths from tuberculosis

Looking back at the report for 1956, we see that in four years the number of inhabited houses in Great Harwood has risen from 3, 866 to 4, 008, a rise of almost 4% in four years. This is satisfactory and we notice also that births exceed deaths by 32. Figures such as these, together with the figures as to infant mortality, complete absence of maternity deaths and the low instance of infectious diseases, are all encouraging and suggest that Great Harwood is prospering in the Health Field.

Looking at the report of my colleague, Mr. Walmsley, we see that milk and food samples were satisfactory and that in 1960 a substantial number of houses were improved by the use of Standard Grants. We are still struggling with an unfortunate legacy of the past in dealing with waste water closets, but one may hope that at the present rate of progress, in ten years these regrettable relics will have been abolished.

I thank you Mr Chairman, and the Committee, for your continued kindness and interest throughout the year, and my colleagues in the service of the Council for their friendliness and help at all times.

I am, Mr Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R.C. WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

OF THE AREA

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

GENERAL

Area in acres	2868
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1960	4008 .
Rateable Value	£ 102019
Sum represented by a penny rate	£ 410
Population at 1951 Census	10738
Estimated Population for 1960	10620

CHIEF INDUSTRIES IN THE AREA

The principal industries are the manufacture of cotton goods, light engineering trades, footwear, coated felts, floor coverings, food packing, furniture manufacture.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	92	90	182
Illegitimate	4	1	5
Total	96	91	187

Live Birth Rate per 1000 estimated population:

Crude	17.6
Adjusted	19.5

STILL BIRTHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	Nil	2
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	2	Nil	2

Still Birth rate per 1000 total births . . . 10 . 6

DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths	66	89	155

Mortality rate per 1000 estimated population:

Crude	14.6
Adjusted	14.0

Death rate per 1000 estimated population:

(England and Wales) ..	11.5
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INFANT MORTALITY

One death occurred of infants under the age of one year.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births - total	5 . 3
Neo Natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	5 . 3
Maternal Deaths (including abortion)	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still-births.	Nil

Comparative Birth Rates, Civilian Death Rates

Analysis of Mortality and Maternal Mortality in the year, 1960

	England and Wales	Great Harwood
	Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population	
<u>Births</u>		
Live Births	17.1	19.5
Still Births	19.7 (a)	10.6
<u>Deaths</u>		
All Causes	11.5	14.0
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	0.07	0.09
Cancer (All Forms)	2.16	2.35
Lung and Bronchus	0.48	0.39
Other Cancer	1.68	Nil
Maternal Mortality	0.39 (a)	Nil
Infant Mortality	21.7 (b)	5.3
Neonatal Mortality	15.6	5.3
<u>Notifications (Corrected)</u>		
Typhoid Fever	0.00	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever	0.00	0.00
Meningococcal Infection	0.01	0.00
Scarlet Fever	0.70	0.00
Whooping Cough	1.26	0.00
Diphtheria	0.00	0.00
Erysipelas	0.06	0.00
Measles	3.48	2.82
Pneumonia (Acute)	0.31	0.01
Acute Poliomyelitis	0.06	0.00
Acute Encephalitis	0.00	0.00
Food Poisoning	0.16	0.00
Puerperal Pyrexia	0.19	0.00

(a) Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births

(b) Per 1,000 Live Births.

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	1	1
Tuberculosis, others	-	-	-
Syphilitic diseases	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infectious and parasitic disease	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	4	6
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	-	4
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
Other malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms	6	5	11
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	1	2
Diabetes	-	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	20	28
Coronary disease, angina	18	8	26
Hypertension with heart disease	3	1	4
Other heart diseases	14	21	35
Other circulatory diseases	3	7	10
Influenza	-	1	1
Pneumonia	1	4	5
Bronchitis	1	5	6
Other diseases of the respiratory System	-	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	-	-
Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformation	-	-	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases	2	4	6
Motor Vehicle accidents	2	-	2
Suicide	-	-	-
Homicide & operations of war	-	-	-
All other accidents	-	2	2
TOTAL	66	89	155

GENERAL PROVISIONS

of the

HEALTH SERVICE

LABORATORY FACILITIES

All Pathological and Bacteriological work for the Health Department is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory at Preston

AMBULANCE SERVICE

This service is administered by the No. 5 Health Division of the Lancashire County Council. Two ambulances and one sitting case car are available for the district. The ambulance station is day-manned, and night-calls are dealt with by the ambulance station at Accrington.

HOME HELP SERVICE

The Home Help service is administered by the Divisional Health Authority.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

A weekly clinic is held for children under five years, and a pre-natal clinic is held once a fortnight. The duties are under the control of the Divisional Health Authority. The Health Centre is situated in Water Street.

DAY NURSERIES

There is one day nursery in the town, administered by the Divisional Health Authority.

HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

One hostel is available for aged persons. It is operated by the County Council and has accommodation for thirty-nine men and women.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL

of

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

TUBERCULOSIS

The administration is carried out by the Lancashire County Council and Regional Hospital Board, and co-operation is maintained through the Public Health Department. Disinfection of articles and premises is carried out when necessary.

The total number of cases on the register at 31st December, 1960 was as follows:-

<u>Respiratory</u>			<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		
<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
23	21	44	3	2	5

Ages	NEW CASES *				DEATHS			
	<u>Resp</u>		<u>Non-Resp.</u>		<u>Resp</u>		<u>Non-Resp</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 & upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	1	Nil	Nil

* Includes one case from other districts

<u>Respiratory Deaths</u>	<u>Great Harwood</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Rate per 1,000 Population	0.09	0.06

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of infectious diseases notified: -

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Measles	30	-
Whooping Cough	1	-
Pneumonia	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-
Dysentery	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-

DIPHTHERIA

No cases of diphtheria were reported during the year. The diphtheria immunisation administration is carried out by the Divisional Health Authority.

GREAT HARWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

R E P O R T

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

and

CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my 12th Annual Report for the year 1960.

Refuse collection and disposal becomes increasingly difficult. The replacement of staff is becoming almost impossible and one must admit that there are more pleasant jobs available than collecting refuse. The job can only be made more attractive by the use of dustless and easier loading vehicles and full use of mechanical aids. During the year two men retired, four men resigned and of the staff replacements quite a number left before completing two weeks work.

The excessive rainfall and bad weather also hindered the work of the cleansing department. Tipping became extremely difficult on soft and boggy ground and the meagre supply of ashes obtainable did nothing to improve matters. Two tip fires and various breakdowns were also encountered during the year. A minority of the general public however still expected a usual weekly service and evidently assumed that their dustbin would be emptied at the usual time.

Household refuse is probably now twice as bulky as it was 10 years ago due to the great increase in pre-packed articles and although the newly acquired compression type refuse wagon helped to offset this problem, no advantage was apparent in collecting refuse due to the difficulties mentioned above.

The mechanical sweeper has been a great asset to the department and the streets in general have been kept tidy. A considerable amount of conscientious work has been put in by the operator of the machine as the maintenance on such a vehicle is considerable. Carpeting of setts paved streets is urgently required to make full use of the sweeper and also to reduce maintenance costs of the machine as setts play havoc with the brushes and operating mechanism.

Standard grant applications have taken up considerable time and as four visits are required per application a reduction in routine visits to other premises has unfortunately been necessary. During the year 602 inspections were made regarding standard grants only.

Action under the Clean Air Act has been confined mainly to industrial premises and excellent co-operation has generally been good with industrial fuel consumers. It is to be hoped that a start can soon be made on the domestic side and it is pleasing to note that many enlightened residents have already been converted to the use of smokeless fuels.

I wish to thank the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their support during the year, and also to the Council staff for their help and co-operation willingly given at all times.

Yours faithfully,

G. WALMSLEY,

Public Health Inspector.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION

OF FOOD

MILK AND DAIRIES

Number of farms	18
Ungraded Producers	Nil
"T.T." Producers (Retail)	12

MILK SAMPLES

	Methylene Blue Test		Tubercle Bacilli Test.		Phosphatase Test
	Sat	Unsat	Neg.	Pos.	Sat.
"T.T."	7	Nil	7	Nil	1
Ungraded	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	7	Nil	7	Nil	1

ICE CREAM REGULATIONS

Manufacturers (hot mix)	..	..	..	..	1
Manufacturers (cold mix)	.	..	..	..	Nil
Vendors (shops etc.)	..	..	..	.	46
Hawkers	Nil

WATER SUPPLYRAW WATER SAMPLES

Bacteriological Examinations	48
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TREATED WATER SAMPLES

Bacteriological Examinations	148
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FOOD AND DRUGS SAMPLING

A total of 55 samples was obtained, consisting of 41 samples of milk (three of which were Channel Islands milk) and 14 others comprising:-

1	Bacon	1	Barley
2	Fruit, canned	1	Almond oil
1	Throat spray	2	Meat pies
1	Dutch cheese	1	Pure Danish cheese, canned
1	Sulphur tablets	1	Compound liquorice powder
1	Tincture of iodine	1	Custard powder

All of the samples obtained were found on analysis by the County Analyst to be genuine.

STORAGE, SALE AND PREPARATION OF FOOD

Number of food premises and type, at the end of the year:-

General Grocers	40
Greengrocers (including sale of fish)	16
Fishmongers	1
Butchers	14
Tripe	2
Confectioners	30
Fish and Chips	7
Ice Cream	44

Number of Registered Premises

Ice Cream	44
. Meat Preparation, etc.	12

Food Hygiene Regulations

Four notices were served regarding alterations to premises and the provision of hand basins and hot water supplies.

H O U S I N G

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

These are not operated by the Council.

STANDARD GRANTS

Details of standard grants up to December 31st 1960 are as follows:-

	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Estimated Cost
1959	67	66	£ 6855
1960	108	108	£ 14,155

GRANTS PAID

1959

Premises	Amount of Grant	Amenities				
		Bath	Washbasin	Hot Water	W.C.	Food Store
10	£994	8	8	7	10	10
<u>1960</u>						
99	£11318	88	89	70	92	95

UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES

1. (a) Number of houses inspected for defects under
Public Health and Housing Acts 60
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 71
2. (a) Number of houses found to be in such a state as
to be unfit for human habitation 6
- (b) Number of houses, excluding 2(a) above found not in
all respects fit for human habitation 20
- Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of
informal action by Local Authority or their officers . .. 24
3. Number of houses demolished (Section II) 3

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

- (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.
 - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices
were served requiring repairs Nil
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses which after service of formal
notices were rendered fit:
 - (a) by owners Nil
 - (b) by Local Authorities in default of owners Nil
- (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.
 - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices
were served requiring defects to be remedied 14
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were
remedied after service of formal notices:
 - (a) by owners 12
 - (b) by Local Authority in default of owners Nil

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

of the

DISTRICT

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

133 waste water closets were converted during the year, 73 being converted or removed due to standard grant improvements. There are approximately 1200 wastewater closets still remaining in the district. Three pail closets are situated on the outskirts of the town and are emptied weekly.

FACTORIES

There are 75 factories including bakehouses on the register and 62 visits were made during the year. Sanitary accommodation called for the most attention and informal action only was required to remedy the defects.

RODENT CONTROL

A part-time rodent operator is employed and the following details show the amount of work carried out during the year.

Properties inspected	165
Rat infestation found	39
Mice infestation found	14

In addition, tips, river banks etc. were treated for rat infestation and a full sewer treatment was undertaken.

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are no authorised camping sites in the district.

SALVAGE

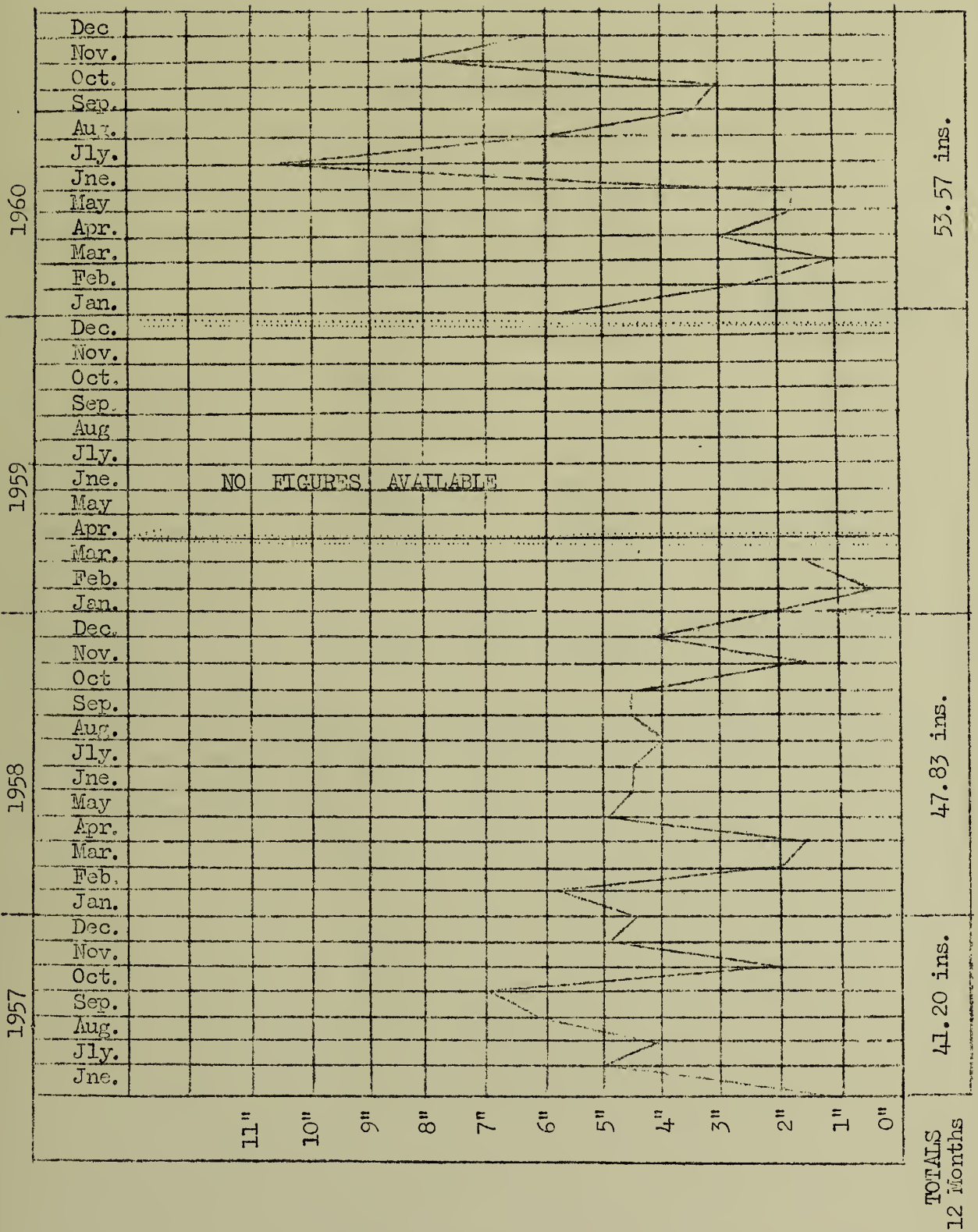
Year	Tons Cwt. Qrs.			£ s. d.			Av'ge tonnage per month	
							Tons	Cwt.
1960	138	7	3	899	7	-	11	10
1959	124	11	1	752	19	-	10	4
1958	119	11	3	762	16	6	9	19
1957	131	11	-	855	1	-	10	19
1956	134	3	1	975	13	-	11	3
1955	151	12	3	1212	12	-	12	12
1954	132	14	2	828	2	10	11	1
1953	109	3	1	599	-	-	9	1
1952	98	9	3	980	16	7	8	4

PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	70	24	4	Nil
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	5	5	1	Nil
(111) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-worker's premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	75	29	5	Nil

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
(1) Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	(2) -	(3) -	(4) -	(5) -	(6) -
Sanitary conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient. . . .	-	-	-	-	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	4	2	-	-	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	4	2	-	-	Nil

RAINFALL



CLEANSING SERVICE

Table showing costs for the year ending 31st March, 1961.

Item	Particulars	Refuse Collection	Refuse Disposal	Salvage	Street Cleansing inc: gully clean- ing, Street sweep- ing, - District
A.	Gross Expen- diture	£5359	£1171	£751	£686
B.	Gross Income	£91	£900		-
C.	Net Cost	£5368	£1022		£686
D.	Net Cost per 1,000 premises	£1342	£230		-
E.	Net Cost per 1,000 population	£534	£96		-
F.	Net Cost equivalent rate in £	13.4d.	2.5d		1.7d

